

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7.00 pm

Present – Miss P Barton, Mrs M Cornfield, Messrs M Gingell, N Owen,
Mrs R Savery, Messrs M J Tamblyn and M Webster.
Mr D Pugh – Cornwall Councillor
PCSO's K Down and M Horton
Mrs S Newell – Member of the Public

In the absence of the Chairman due to illness, Mr N Owen took the chair for the duration of the meeting

OPEN FORUM

The report given by the Police to the meeting included details of highway disruptions, road traffic accidents, in particular the serious accident on the 12th February 2014 which resulted in the A38 between Carkeel and Trerulefoot being closed for several hours.

There were six recorded crimes during the last month.

Mrs R Savery stated that she had witnessed what appeared to be a fight taking place late one evening in the Stoketon area but had not reported this incident to the Police. The PCSO's present did encourage anyone who witnesses any such incident should make the effort to report it to the Police using either the 101 number, or 999 if it was considered to be an emergency.

Mrs S Newell reported on a meeting of the Recreation Ground committee held on the 28th January 2014 and the Clerk confirmed that he was in receipt of a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

It was noted that it was hoped to go ahead with the construction of the skate area this year and following discussion on the planning aspect of this it was noted that Mrs Newell would be contacting the planning office of Cornwall Council to ascertain whether the planning permission granted in 2009 for the football pitch which include the skate area was still valid for construction to go ahead.

Mrs Newell also asked if there was any up to date information on the proposed seven affordable houses in West Lane and the Clerk stated that he would make enquiries in respect of this matter.

It was noted that Trand Ltd are proposing to hold a public meeting in the spring regarding their proposals for Mera Park.

The Landrake Neighbourhood Association are currently looking at a number of matters affecting the village including making a request for a traffic survey on the A38, seeking improvements for traffic exiting the village and for alterations and improvements to the turning into Old Road alongside Notter Garage.

The Chairman asked where the demarcation line was between the Neighbourhood Association and the Parish Council and Mrs Newell explained that the Neighbourhood Association would not be in conflict with the Parish Council and was seeking to be a strong voice for the future of the village.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mr G Knowles and Mrs S Walker.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th January 2014 having been circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that a verbal agreement had been reached for the Parish Council to obtain and install the warning signs for the Recreation field and it was agreed that should be dealt with as soon as possible.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

It was reported that work on the entrance doors, the floor to the main hall and the provision of wheelchair access to the Clubroom would be commencing on the 10th March 2014.

There had recently been an issue with a water leak which was traced to a damaged pipe close to the Hall which had now been repaired. It was noted that this was not as a result of the erection of the new fence to the hall boundary or work carried out to the area where the Christmas tree was sited.

3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters

It was noted that there are no current issues with regard to the Playground. Cory Environmental were now emptying the litter bins in the Playground, and the bin on the footpath from School Road to Highertown.

The Clerk reported that the new ramp had been fitted to the Junior Multi Play unit in the playground.

It was noted that the staining to the interior of the bus shelters is yet to be carried out but at the present time it had not been possible to get the same stain as had been previously used.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

There was nothing to report in respect of this matter, other than it being noted the work continues to be carried out in a competent manner by Paul Lamerton.

3.5 Village War Memorial

The Clerk reported that Mr C Bond had quoted a price of £280.00 plus VAT to provide a 'cherry picker' and man to carry out the cleaning of the war memorial. It was agreed that there is a need to obtain grant funding to enable this work to be carried and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

3.6 Directional Finger Post Signs

The Clerk confirmed that approval had now been received from Cornwall Council to deal with the repair or replacement of the worst 'finger post' signs in the parish and it was agreed to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

3.7 A38 – Turning into Kilna Lane

The Clerk reported that following enquiries to the Highways Agency regarding the provision of a suitable sign to discourage HGV's from turning into Kilna Lane it was understood that they are unable to provide a sign where the instruction relates to an issue off the trunk road. It was suggested that an approach be made to Cornwall Highways particularly as the verge on which a sign would be placed is in the ownership of Cornwall Council.

The Clerk confirmed that he was now waiting on a response from Cornwall Council.

3.8 Landrake Ball Committee

Following consideration it was agreed that in the event of no response from the Ball Committee by the date of the next Parish Council meeting further enquiries would have to be made in respect of the production of detailed accounts.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

None

4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance	£192.00
Armada Glass – Bus shelter repairs	£85.50
RSS Playmakers – Playground Repairs	£882.80
R Manning – Village maintenance 2013	£362.00
E.on – Electricity at Solomon Browne Room	£55.30

The above accounts were approved for payment.

4.3 Other Financial Business

4.3.1 Council Tax Referendum Principles

The Clerk reported that the Government has announced that it has been decided not to determine principles for local precepting authorities in 2014/15 with regard to Council tax referendum thresholds. It may however apply thresholds to larger town and parish councils from 2015/16 onwards.

It was noted that unless Cornwall Council is notified otherwise the precept notification already submitted by this council will remain and it was agreed that this should be the case.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

PA14/00441 – Mr & Mrs A Duncan – Regularisation of change of use of land and building from agricultural to haulage contractors business on land to the east of ‘Moorview’, New Road, Landrake

Observations – The Parish Council are extremely concerned at the applicant’s endeavours to block off the access slip road to the A38 and to assume ownership to a length of 20-25 metres of the highway. It is clear that the original entrance to the site was approx. 5 metres beyond the slip road. The boulders placed at the top of the slip road must be removed as they are obstructing access to the A38 for pedestrians and vehicles.

Approx. 15 metres of hedge has been removed from the entrance to the site and the Parish Council are not aware of permission being sought to carry out this work.

‘New Road’, which is the only approach road to the site, is manifestly unsuitable for the regular use of lorries, and the junction with the A38 creates a potential danger with heavy goods vehicles having to cut across the flow of traffic when returning to the base from a

westerly direction, or making a difficult left turn into the narrow entrance of 'New Road' if approaching from the east.

'New Road' has always been a favourite place for local people to walk as, until now, it has almost been free of traffic, but this situation has changed particularly as the hours of work include Saturdays.

Questions were raised with regard to the number of lorries on site overnight and at weekends when more than the stated maximum number of four have been noted. Whilst the application states that the hours of opening will be between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday the movement of lorries has regularly been noted between 6.00 - 6.30 in the mornings.

It was recorded in the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th November 2011 that the property had recently been purchased by the applicants and was being used for lorry maintenance and storage, and it was agreed to monitor the situation. The fact that the year 2010 is stated in Part 3 of the planning application appears to be at odds with the information the Parish Council has.

The applicant's actions have resulted in a complete change in the character and appearance of this area of land from a peaceful and attractive rural countryside to a small industrial site, and for the above reasons is not acceptable and appropriate action should be taken to remedy the situation.

5.2 Planning Decisions

None

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

There were no matters for discussion at this meeting.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

As reported during the Open Forum session it was noted that Trand Ltd were expecting to hold a public meeting in the Spring in order to get the views of the village on the proposed development at Mera Park.

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Plan

Discussion took place on the idea of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Landrake and discussion took place on the information obtained from Tracey Edwards and Claire Hurley of the Cornwall CRCC at the meeting held on the 4th February 2014.

It was considered that if this should go ahead then it should be driven by the Parish Council. Mrs S Walker stated that she was keen to see it started and was willing to lead it.

It was suggested that there should be 5 – 10 members for a working group which would need to include at least 2 or more from the Parish Council although it was noted that members could come in and out of the working group according to the expertise that they could offer.

Following consideration it was agreed to invite Tracey Edwards of the Cornwall CRCC as the guest speaker at the Annual Public Meeting on the 22nd April 2014 and for that meeting to be well publicised to include a leaflet drop to all households in the parish.

On a proposal by Miss P Barton, seconded by Mr M Gingell and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED – To set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group with volunteers from the Parish Council, the Landrake Neighbourhood Association and the wider community.

5.3.4 Cornwall Council – Reporting new enforcement complaints

The Clerk gave details of the new procedure for reporting possible breaches of planning control to Cornwall Council.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Old Road, Landrake

Mr M Gingell expressed his concern regarding the poor condition of the road surface in Old Road and the Clerk confirmed that he would report this matter to Cornwall Highways.

6.2 Playground Safety Matting

Mr M Gingell suggested that it might be possible to install the type of matting used on dairy farms as safety matting in the village playground and he agreed to find out details and costs.

6.3 School Road, Landrake

Mrs M Cornfield reported that there is a broken bollard in School Road and the Clerk confirmed that he would report this matter to Cornwall Highways.

6.4 Street Lighting, Highertown, Landrake

Mrs M Cornfield reported that the street lighting at the top of the footpath between School Road and Highertown is poor and it was agreed to ascertain whether the nearest street light could be moved or raised higher. It was also agreed to look into fixing

reflective edging strips to the steps on this footpath which probably could be dealt with by Paul Lamerton.

6.5 Bamboo Plant – A38/North Road

Miss P Barton reported that there is an excessive amount of bamboo plant on the verge at the end of North Road adjacent to the A38 and following consideration it was agreed that Paul Lamerton should be asked to remove this as necessary.

6.6 New Road Terrace, Landrake

Miss P Barton asked if any action had been taken with regard to the alterations that had been made to the hedge in New Road Terrace and where a vehicle is now parked and materials are being stored.

The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Cornwall Council and it was agreed that this matter should be pursued as necessary.

6.7 The Chapel House, Pound Hill, Landrake

Mrs R Savery expressed some concern regarding the height of the fir trees in the garden of the above property and whether they was any risk from them in stormy weather.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed to write to the owners of the property bringing this matter to their attention.

6.8 School Cross Country

The Clerk reported that the Schools Cross Country event at Landrake would be taking place on Friday 21st March 2014 and there would be various road closures and parking restrictions on that day.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Cornwall Council – Affordable Housing Consultation

The Clerk gave details to the meeting of the above consultation which will be running from 31st January to 14th March 2014.

7.2 Cornwall Council – Mobile Library Consultation

Details were noted of the above consultation and the likelihood of replacing the existing mobile library and mobile one stop services with a range of community based initiatives.

Details were noted of the existing costs of these services and the budget cuts that have been enforced by Cornwall Council.

7.3 Annual Public Meeting – 22nd April 2014 – Guest Speaker

This matter has already been covered in the discussion under Minute 5.3.3

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

- 8.1 Saltash Policing Team – Monthly Bulletin February 2014
- 8.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2014 Issue 91
- 8.3 The Clerk Magazine January 2014 Vol.45 No.1
- 8.4 Cornwall AONB – Delivery Plan 2011 - 2016
- 8.5 ‘The Signpost’ – Newsletter for Communities in Cornwall Winter 2013-14
- 8.6 Cornwall Council – Information Bulletin February 2014
- 8.7 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum – Notice of AGM and Minutes of 2013 AGM

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th March 2014

Tuesday 22nd April 2014 (Annual Public Meeting)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.16 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

18th March 2014